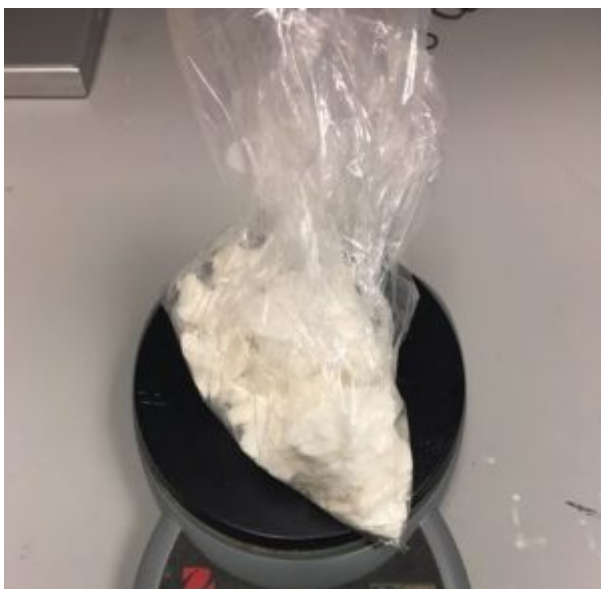


Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Charges – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force (GTF), assisted by officers from Probation and Parole, have arrested 28 year old Naifece Houston of Philadelphia, PA, on felony drug charges after he was stopped for a traffic violation late Monday night.

On Monday, January 28, 2019, at approximately 11:30 p.m., GTF members were conducting proactive patrols in the area of New Castle Ave. and Memorial Drive when they observed a silver Chevy Malibu bearing Florida tags, driving erratically. Task Force members stopped the vehicle on New Castle Ave. just north of Memorial Dr., and then made contact with the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, who was positively identified as Houston. While speaking with Houston, GTF members detected an odor of drugs, at which time they had Houston exit the vehicle. After being removed from the vehicle, Houston fled on foot but was apprehended in the area of the Route 9 Library after a brief foot pursuit.

A subsequent search of the Malibu produced a plastic bag containing 143 Grams of Cocaine.



Houston was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of Cocaine in a Tier V Quantity
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine in a Tier IV Quantity
- Resisting Arrest
- Fail to Remain in a Single Lane

Houston was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and then committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$21,000.00 secured bail.

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